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<p>1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of <u>5</u> sheets, including this cover sheet.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).</p> <p>These annexes consist of a total of _____ sheets.</p>
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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

 the international application as originally filed the description:

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3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

 contained in the international application in written form. filed together with the international application in computer readable form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form. The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished. The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of: the description, pages _____ the claims, Nos. _____ the drawings, sheets/fig _____5. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-6, 8	YES
	Claims	7, 9	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-6, 8	YES
	Claims	7, 9	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-9	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

Claims 7 and 9

Document 1: JP 10-21589 A (Hitachi Chemical Co., Ltd.), 23 January 1998, embodiment 1 (Family: none)

Document 2: JP 11-167205 A (NEC Corp.), 22 June 1999, entire text, all drawings (Family: none)

Document 3: JP 10-301268 A (NEC Corp.), 13 November 1998, entire text, all drawings (Family: none)

Document 4: JP 8-44061 A (Nippon Zeon Co., Ltd.), 16 February 1996, claims (Family: none)

Document 5: JP 5-181277 A (Mitsubishi Kasei Corp.), 23 July 1993, claims (Family: none)

Document 6: JP 5-323609 A (Tokyo Ohka Kogyo Co., Ltd.), 7 December 1993, paragraph [0016], (Family: none)

Document 7: JP 2001-109165 A (Clariant (Japan) Kabushiki Kaisha), 20 April 2001, paragraph [0014], (Family: none)

Document 8: JP 2001-291288 A (Hitachi, Ltd.), 19 October 2001, entire text, all drawings (Family: none)

Document 9: JP 2002-60641 A (Shin-Etsu Chemical Co., Ltd.), 26 February 2002, claims (Family: none)

Document 10: JP 6-150391 A (Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.), 31 May 1994, paragraph [0038], (Family: none)

Document 11: JP 57-66546 A (Sanyo Electric Co., Ltd.), 22 April 1982, entire text, all drawings (Family: none)

Document 12: JP 2001-243662 A (Sony Corp.), 7 September 2001, entire text, all drawings (Family: none)

Document 1 (embodiment 1) discloses a method for manufacturing a substrate disk for use as an optical disk wherein a methoxymethylated melamine compound is used, and the use of the substrate disk as a stamper is also disclosed in document 1 (paragraph [0026]), and thus, the present claims 7 and 9 lack novelty.

Further, documents 2 to 7 disclose methoxymethylated melamine compounds, documents 8 to 10 disclose methods for manufacturing an optical disk substrate disk, and documents 11 and 12 disclose techniques for direct formation from a substrate disk, and thus, the present claims 7 and 9 do not involve an inventive step.

Claims 1 to 6 and 8

Document 13: JP 4-77746 A (Sony Corp.), 11 March 1992, entire text, all drawings (Family: none)

Document 14: JP 7-57995 A (Toshiba Corp.), 3 March 1995, entire text, all drawings (Family: none)

Document 15: JP 5-107769 A (Fujitsu Ltd.), 30 April 1993, entire text, all drawings (Family: none)

Document 16: JP 8-305036 A (Oki Electric Industry Co., Ltd.), 22 November 1996, entire text, all drawings (Family: none)

Documents 1 to 16 show the general state of the art in this technical field, but neither disclose nor suggest the use of a layer comprising a methoxymethylated melamine compound and a layer comprising a semi-crosslinked resist in a method for manufacturing an optical disk substrate disk.